

Inter Canyon League
Minutes of the General Meeting
Tuesday, March 1, 2022 at 7:00 PM Live Streaming

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:04pm by President Sarkissian.

II. General Announcements & Discussion

a. General Community Announcements

Rich Pfeiffer said that a lawyer will be at the Silverado Community Center on March 12 to talk about fire insurance covering flood damage when flooding is caused by a fire. He also said that following a second site visit to Anderson Way in Silverado, the county might stretch funds to repair the upper portion of the road as well as the lower portion.

Geoff Sarkissian mentioned the upcoming March 9 County Townhall Meeting sponsored by the county's Supervisor's Office, Public Works, Sheriff's Emergency Operations, and Fire Authority.

b. Canyon History Committee

Geoff shared Melody McWilliams's copy of a 1970 LA Times article about Silverado's Mabel and Frank Grouard and their fossil collection.

c. The Modjeska Bridge, call for comments—Geoffrey Sarkissian

ICL is not taking a position on the county's plan to replace the bridge near Markuson Way, but Francesca Duff shared some bullet points for anyone interested. Dean Brown shared a draft letter highlighting some concerns, which he said anyone could sign.

Geoff said that it is unclear why the bridge rating has changed from 35 to 67. The cutoff point for certain federal funding is 50. His understanding is that the county Fire Authority and Public Works are pushing for replacing, rather than repairing, the bridge. David Hunt said that in his firefighting experience, there was never a problem in getting equipment across the current bridge.

Send comments to Sam Tieu: sam.tieu@ocpw.ocgov.com. A public meeting is also planned.

d. Emergency Management

About getting ready for the next debris flow; the role of parks, Fire Safe Council, and ICL; and whether ICL should provide mitigation, preparedness, response, and/or recovery, Geoff reported that the three organizations have been talking with the county about possibly establishing a more formal way of responding to emergencies.

Danny Graham said that the county views block captains as potentially a good conduit for information. Francesca added that providing information is the main purpose of the block captains, but that they should not be commandeered—in an emergency, block captains are expected to pack up and leave just like everyone else.

Geoff wondered what would trigger more money in an emergency. Francesca noted the prohibition against government work on private property, which includes private roads.

e. Emergency Preparedness—Joanne Hubble

Creek clearing may be scheduled for August or September.

f. Canyon Watch Update—Bic & Keith Edwards

About \$400 is needed to fix the Mine Track transmitter. Also, programmable radios are becoming scarce.

g. Friends of the Library—Janet Coughlin

A motion to authorize Janet's signature on Friends of the Library accounts was approved 4-0.

h. First Aid Enrollment & Grants—Francesca Duff

Grant money can pay for any canyonite desiring to take online or in person first aid training.

An in-person examination is required for an official First Aid card, but Francesca felt that the training would be worthwhile with or without the card. Since first aid kits are planned to be stashed throughout the canyons, people should know how to use them.

i. ICL & ENC—Environmental Nature Center (Tucker)—Francesca Duff

ENC applied for a grant for studying bird habitat destroyed by fire. Francesca thought that perhaps ICL could train people to be birders (no money involved).

III. Director Reports

a. President—Geoffrey Sarkissian

No report

b. Vice President—Celeste Veerkamp

No report

c. Secretary—Scott Breeden

The minutes of the February meeting were approved 4-0.

d. Treasurer—Francesca Duff

Francesca suggested keeping the Gene Robinson memorial fund open for people to donate money for radios. Currently it holds \$800; some of that could be used for the Mine Track transmitter repairs.

The February financial report was approved 4-0.

IV. New Business

None.

V. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:09pm.

***** The next ICL meeting will be held April 5, 2022 via live streaming *****